IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: ASAMI, et al

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CATALYST WARMING CONTROL APPARATUS

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 8, 2002

Sir:

This is an Amendment in response to the final Office action dated January 7, 2002, for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claim 1' without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof.

2. (Amended) A catalyst warming control apparatus for a hybrid vehicle having an internal combustion engine, a generator for generating electric power from the output from the internal combustion engine, a power storage unit for storing electric power generated by the generator, and an electric motor driven by the electric power stored in the power storage unit, the hybrid vehicle being driven by at least one of the outputs from the internal combustion engine and the motor, the catalyst warming control apparatus comprising:

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